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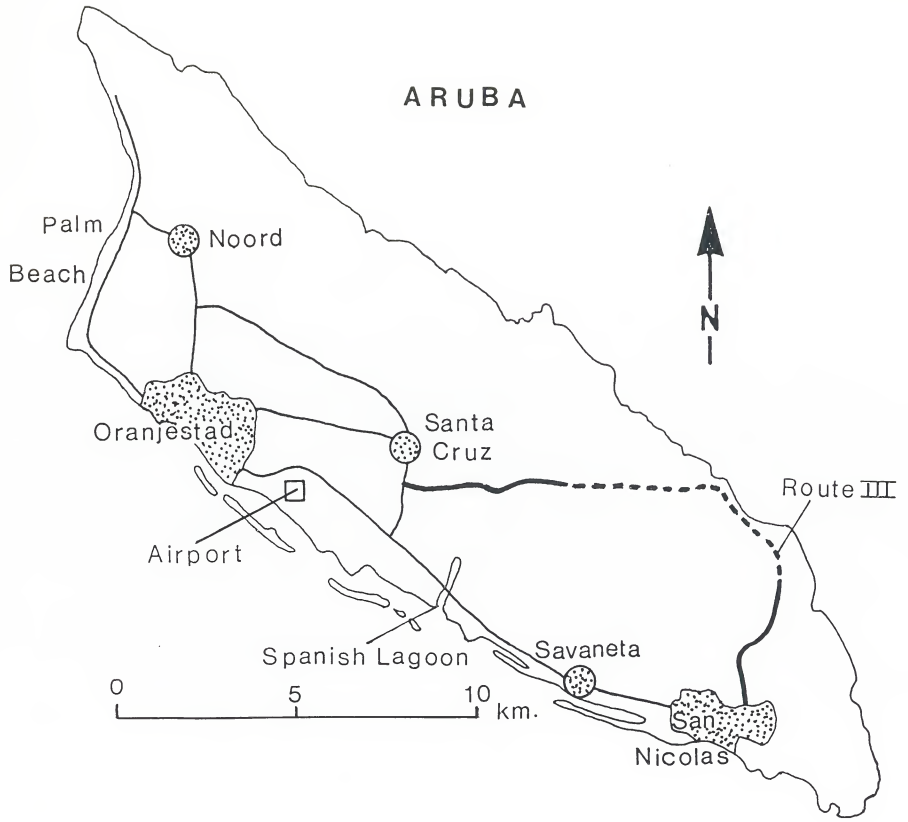
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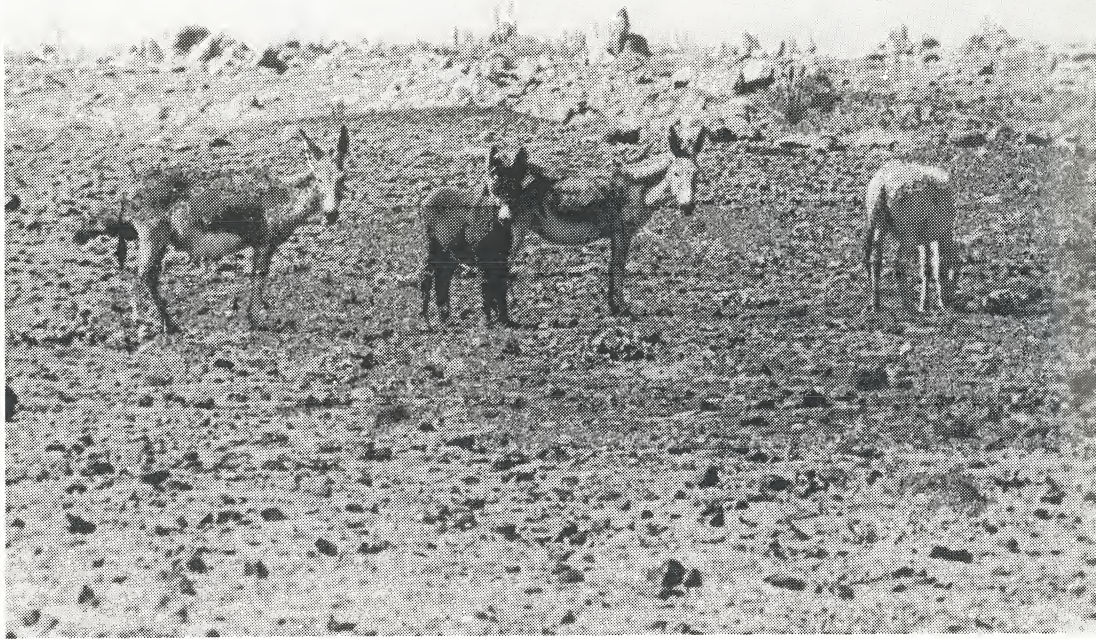
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Wild donkeys roaming in a moonlike landscape.

Author's Note

The development of tourism in ARUBA started in the mid fifties. In the past thirty years it has increased in importance. Within this scope it is felt that the visitor to our island should be encouraged to explore, not only the tourist corridor with its beautiful beaches and hotels, but, also other facets of the island which are relatively unknown.

This **Aruba's Sunrise Side Guide** has been prepared to help you discover the unknown Eastern side of our sunny island, which, will prove a discovery for the more adventurous and outgoing visitors who wish to savour the true local atmosphere.

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ARUBA'S SUNRISE SIDE

The Eastern part of the island or locally known as "above the bridge" (over the Spanish Lagoon) is a striking contrast with the tourist oriented North-West shore with its miles long white beaches and modern hotels and casinos.

The desert moonlike landscape of the northeast, inhabited by wild donkeys and parrots, the power of the sea pounding against the shore sending walls of spray, the coziness of small secluded beaches, the mystery of the caves and last but not least the flavoury stewpot of immigrants from all over the world and locals making up the "Chocolate City" of San Nicolas, constitute a complement to "below the bridge".

Places worth visiting are the wetlands of the Spanish Lagoon, the reef islands of Pos Chiquito, the Fontein Cave and for historical nostalgia Charlie's Bar in Main Street in San Nicolas.

The best way to explore the Sunrise Side is on your own, with the help of this guide or by Marlin Booster Tracking guided by Egbert Boerstra. Public transportation is existent though not sufficient at present.

Although the major tour operators touch upon some parts of the Sunrise Side, the author recommends the smaller operators Marlin Booster Tracking (tel. 41513) or Corvalou Tours (tel. 21149). Both are guided by persons with considerable knowledge of ARUBA.



Aloefield at Sabana Basora.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARUBA'S SUNRISE SIDE

Spanish Lagoon

The dividing line between 'above' and 'below' the bridge is a narrow saltwater inlet which cuts \pm 1-1/2 km (0.9 mi.) into the island. It's sides are covered with Mangroves, and the inner end is a bird refuge.

Frenchman's Pass

The road leads through a gorge with steep limestone cliffs at both sides, high up are rock shelters.

A local legend says that in the past French pirates fought a group of Indians there, who at last hid in the shelters and were smoked out. Therefore the place is said to be haunted to this day.

Next is a ruin of a 19th century gold mill where some 2000 pounds of gold were extracted from quartz, brought in from mines in the neighbourhood.

At **Sabana Basora** you drive through former Aloe plantations. Aloe plants were imported in the 1840's. It's syrup was extracted, cooked and sold abroad for making medicine. It has been the only agricultural product of Aruba with commercial value. Recently a small industry has been put up again.

On the left side of the road, Frenchman's Pass to Pos Chiquito, there are still some old Aruban stone houses with traditional decorations at the corner posts, and painted in the colors they used in the early days.

From **Pos Chiquito** you have a magnificent view over the reef islands parallel to the coast at \pm 1 km (0.6 mi.) distance. The coastal area itself is completely grown with Mangrove Trees.

Savaneta

Originally was an Indian settlement. The Spanish first, and then the Dutch, made it the island's capital.

When the government was transferred to Oranjestad (end 18th century) Savaneta developed into a fisherman's village and gradually became a sort of suburban area.

The Savaneta wetlands are former salt pans with Mangroves and tropical birds.

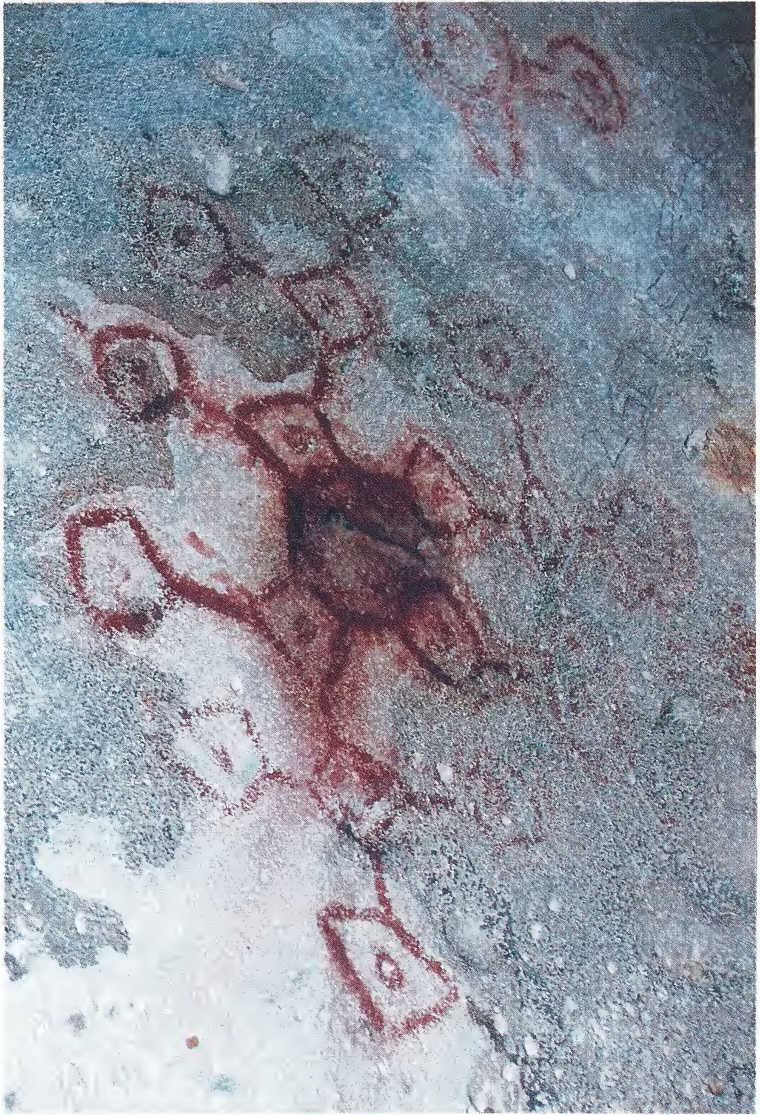
San Nicolas or Chocolate City has the two most contrasting neighbourhoods of Aruba. From 1928 on, the now closed LAGO Oil Refinery attracted many people from all over the world. Staff members came from the USA and workers from all over the Caribbean came for employment. For the former a splendid bungalow resort area, Seroe Colorado or 'Colony' was built. The latter started to build their own small wooden houses: **The Village**. In the '**Colony**' you have the most beautiful beaches of Aruba: **Baby Beach** and **Rodgers Beach**.

On top of the Colorado Point you have a splendid view of the whole area and by walking to the sea eastwards you can observe one of Aruba's natural bridges.

The Village still has a strong Caribbean flavor because of its inhabitants and the architecture of the wooden houses. At present it is being renovated.

The **Promenade** in the heart of San Nicolas has some Kiosks selling local handicrafts and food. The mural decorations by the local artist Wim de Waal are worth seeing. They are located on several walls of businesses on the Promenade.

The **North Coast** has some of the fascinating landscapes of the world. It is the windward side of the island, the trade wind always blowing from the North East. Huge waves splash high up against and over the cliffs, there are rock deserts, snow white sand dunes and parts that look like a moon landscape.



*Prehistoric abstract Indian painting in Fontein Cave.
Age and meaning unknown.*

There are limestone **caves** in this area. The best accessible and most interesting is **Fontein Cave**. It has dripstone formations and it is the only cave with genuine old Indian rock paintings (midway on the ceiling).

The meaning of the paintings is an enigma to us, and their age is unknown as well. The only thing that is completely sure is that the caves were never inhabited.

ROUTES THROUGH THE SUNRISE SIDE

There is one main road connecting Oranjestad directly with San Nicolas but there are several alternative routes with beautiful points of interest.

Two of these routes to the Sunrise Side are being described below. From the heart of 'Chocolate City' San Nicolas two routes are presented to Grapefield/Colony and to the Caves which are recommended as return routes to Oranjestad.

Each route is detailed on a separate map.

Routes to San Nicolas are indicated from the airport on. Return routes are being described from the center of San Nicolas.

ROUTE I *See map on pages 20/21*

*Airport - Rooi Bosal - Frenchman's Pass - Sabana Basora -
Pos Chiquito coast - Savaneta coast - San Nicolas center - return.*

1. Follow the main road till the first cross-road after the airport.
2. Turn to your left.
3. After 50 yards go to the right.
4. Keep to your right till the end of the road (2.5 km - 1.5 mi.).
On this trajectory you will encounter samples of typical Cunucu scenery (plots with cactus and stone fences and traditional houses).
5. At the end of the road, cross the main road, which means turn to your left and immediately to your right.
6. Follow the road and keep right. After approx. 1 km - 0.6 mi. you will go through the Frenchman's Pass, limestone cliffs with high cavities.

7. When you have passed **Frenchman's Pass**, take the first gravel road to your right.
Uphill, to the right you can see and reach the ruins of a 19th century gold mill, following the left part of the gravel road you will come alongside the **Spanish Lagoon** with Mangrove vegetation and beautiful wetland birds.
8. Return to the paved road and continue on your original way bound for **Sabana Basora**.
After a few hundred yards you will pass through former Aloe plantations.
On your left you can see several old stone houses with traditional decoration.
9. Upon reaching the main road, cross this **CAREFULLY** and immediately take the curve to the right.
10. Go straight ahead and after approx. 1 km - 0.6 mi. you'll see the studios and red-white beam antenna of Tele Aruba.
Take the paved road to your left there and follow the signs to 'La Marina Pirata'.
11. From Marina Pirata just follow the coast, first a short track of gravel and then a paved road.
Off the coast are beautiful reef islands.
12. After approx. 1 km - 0.6 mi. you will see big pipelines at your left. Cross these through the first opening to the parallel road and keep your original direction with the pipes at your right hand.
13. After approx. 360 m - 400 yards you will see at your right hand Mangroves and in front of you a windmill.
Keep this at your left hand so that you continue on the gravel road along the pipes and the Mangroves.
Follow the pipes and you will drive between the sea, and, at your left the deserted salt pans of **Savaneta**.
14. Continue on the gravel road till you reach the paved road in the neighbourhood of Brisas del Mar.
You will pass some sites of local fishermen.
15. Continue your way on the paved road, keep right all the time and you will reach the main road of Oranjestad to San Nicolas.



Cacti grew everywhere, even on top of Divi Divi trees.

16. Turn to your right and you will reach the heart of **San Nicolas** after 3 km - 1.8 mi. with the Police Station and gas station at your right, on your left a Roman Catholic Church and in front of you the (water) tower.
- By turning right there you will reach **Main Street** and by going straight ahead you can go to the Caves/North Coast and to Grapefield/Colony.
- Adjacent to the gas station is the **Promenade** of San Nicolas with beautiful murals by the locals artist Wim de Waal.

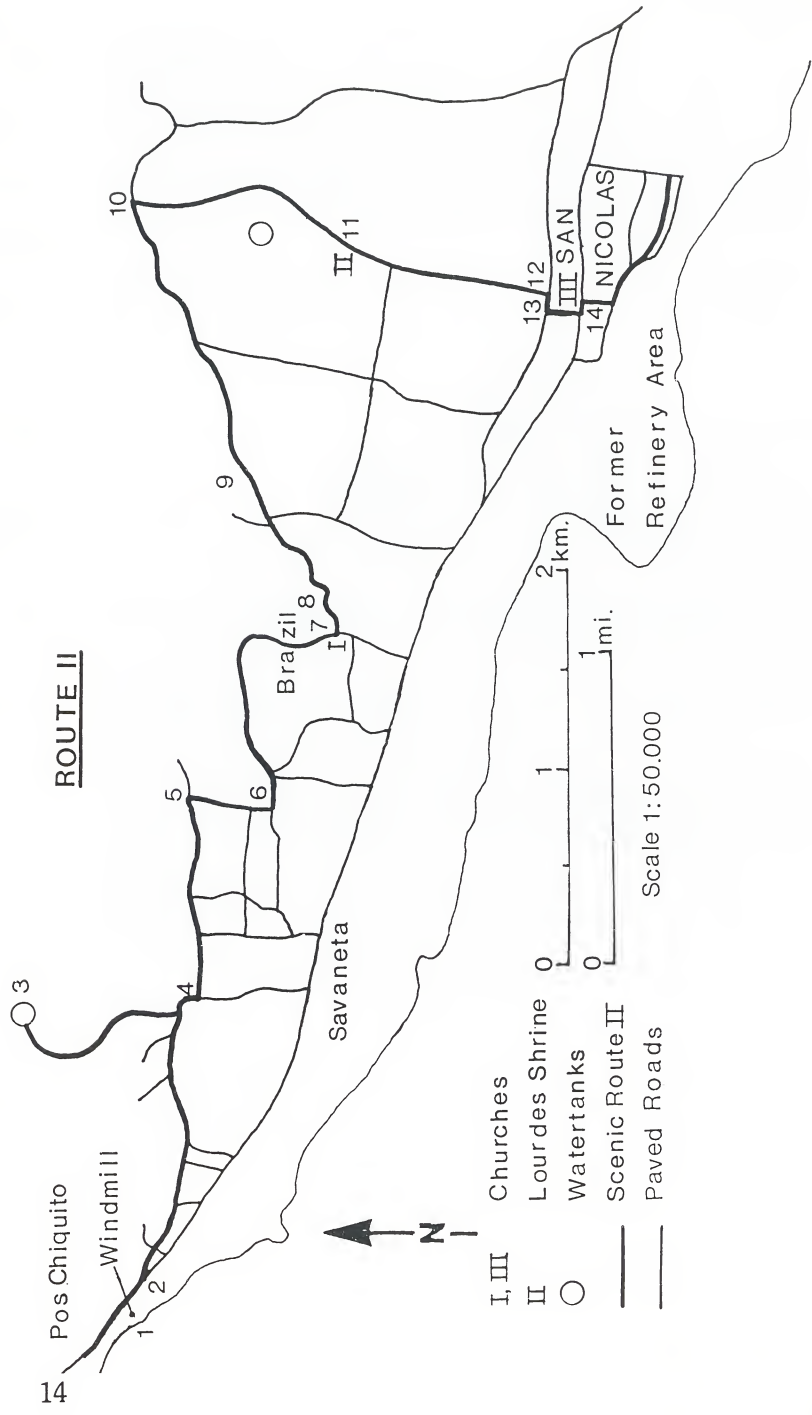
ROUTE II

Airport - Spanish Lagoon - Savaneta scenic route - Brazil - Seru Blanco - Seru Preto - San Nicolas center - return.

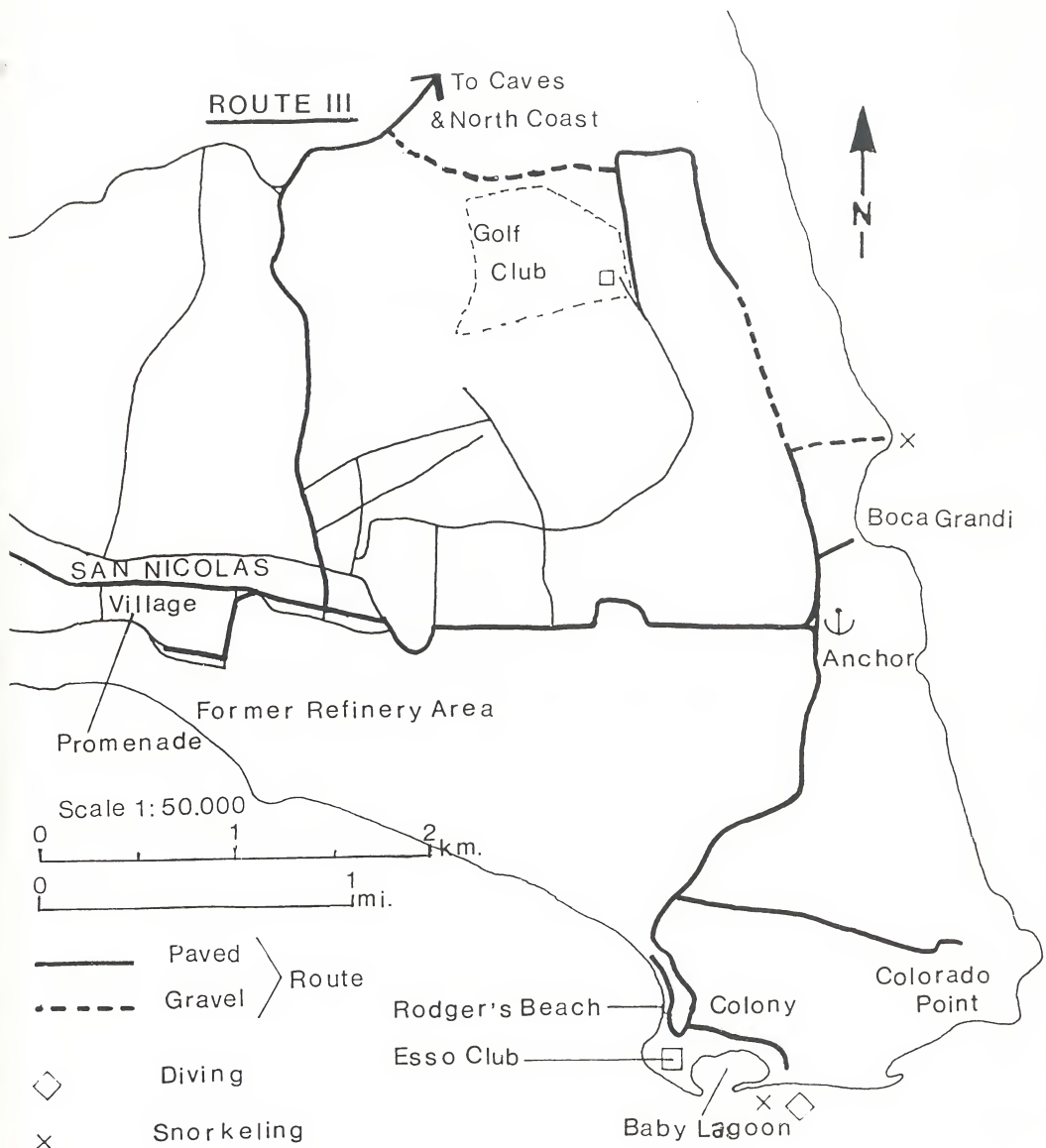
This route has a connecting point at the windmill of Savaneta. The visitor has two options:

- * Take the main road Oranjestad - San Nicolas till the Drive In Theater. Take a turn to the right and follow the signs to La Marina Pirata.
From there on follow instructions 11, 12, and 13 of Route I.
When the windmill of Savaneta is in sight do not follow the road along the pipes but join the main road and take a right turn. After 360 m - 400 yards take the first road to your left and follow the directions below.

- * Take the main road Oranjestad - San Nicolas, cross the bridge over the Spanish Lagoon beyond the Drive In Theater and continue till the windmill of Savaneta is in sight (2.5 km - 1.5 mi.).
Take the first road left indicated by a 'scenic route' sign.



1. Upon reaching the windmill at Savaneta at your right hand take the first left road, indicated by a 'scenic route' sign.
2. Continue this road till the first T-intersection after 800 yards and turn to your left.
3. Orientate on the watertank in the hills on your left.
You can reach this panoramic viewpoint by taking the 3rd narrow paved road to the left.
By clear weather the peninsula of Paraguana - Venezuela is visible.
4. Return and proceed on the same original road, and after a right curve, take the first turn left. (Follow sign 'scenic route').
5. Continue on this road until you reach an intersection and take the left arm there.
6. Proceed on this road with several curves until you reach a straight T-crossing. Turn left as indicated by the 'scenic route' sign.
7. Follow the road with a sharp curve to the right until you reach the Roman Catholic Church of Brazil which has a statue of Jesus on the tower.
8. Turn left there leaving the church at your right hand.
9. Keep on the same road having several curves. Orient on the watertank at your right.
10. When it is due right of you (90 degrees), take the first road right, direction watertank.
11. After a few hundred yards you will go through a pass with the 'Lourdes Grotto', a Roman Catholic shrine.
12. Continue your way until you reach a crossing (after Anglican Church) where you have to give right of way.
13. Turn right there and take first turn left (one way road).
14. After a few hundred yards when you have to give right of way again, turn to your left and you are at the Police Station near the center of San Nicolas. By turning right you will reach **Main Street**. By going straight ahead you can go to the **Caves** and to the **Colony**. Adjacent to the gas station is the **Promenade** of San Nicolas.



ROUTE III

Center of San Nicolas - Grapefield - Colony - Caves - North Coast.

Upon entering the center of San Nicolas you will see in front of you a round tower (watertower), on your left a Roman Catholic Church and on the right the Police Station (white and blue building). Further on is the gas station.

1. To reach Main Street (down town) of San Nicolas and The Village with its Caribbean atmosphere, turn right after the Police Station.
2. Continue until the concrete wall (of the LAGO refinery) and turn to your left.
3. Two hundred yards further you'll reach the first junction. At your left you have the Promenade, The Village right in front of you and the Main Street to your right.
4. To pass through the Main Street follow the wall for another 200 yards - 180 m, bent slightly to the left and you are there.
5. At the end of the Main Street turn to your left, follow the concrete wall and take the curve right along the wall.
6. After 100 yards - 90 m join the left road, go straight ahead in the same direction leaving the parking lots at your right.
7. Continue till the first cross road (500 yards - 450 m).
 - 7a. By continuing you'll get to Grapefield and Colony.
 - 7b. By turning left at Cunucu Fried Chicken you'll reach the Caves and North Coast.

III-A To Grapefield and Colony

7a.

After the cross road mentioned above continue for 270 m - 300 yards where the road ends (gas station left, turn right and follow the wall uphill. Keep following the wall and in this way you'll reach the big anchor standing near the coast.

Grapefield is then at your left and the entrance to the **Colony** at your right.



Wetlands of Spanish Lagoon with Mangroves.

To get to **Baby Beach** and **Rodgers Beach** as well to the main office of the Esso Club keep on the same road as upon entering the Colony, pass the church and turn left and pass through a gate. From the Colorado Point, at the far East, you have a splendid view of the area and by walking towards the sea you will encounter a natural bridge.

III-B To Caves and North Coast

7b.

You have taken the left turn at the cross road (Cunucu Fried Chicken) mentioned above. Keep following this road for 2 km - 1.2 mi. till the end.

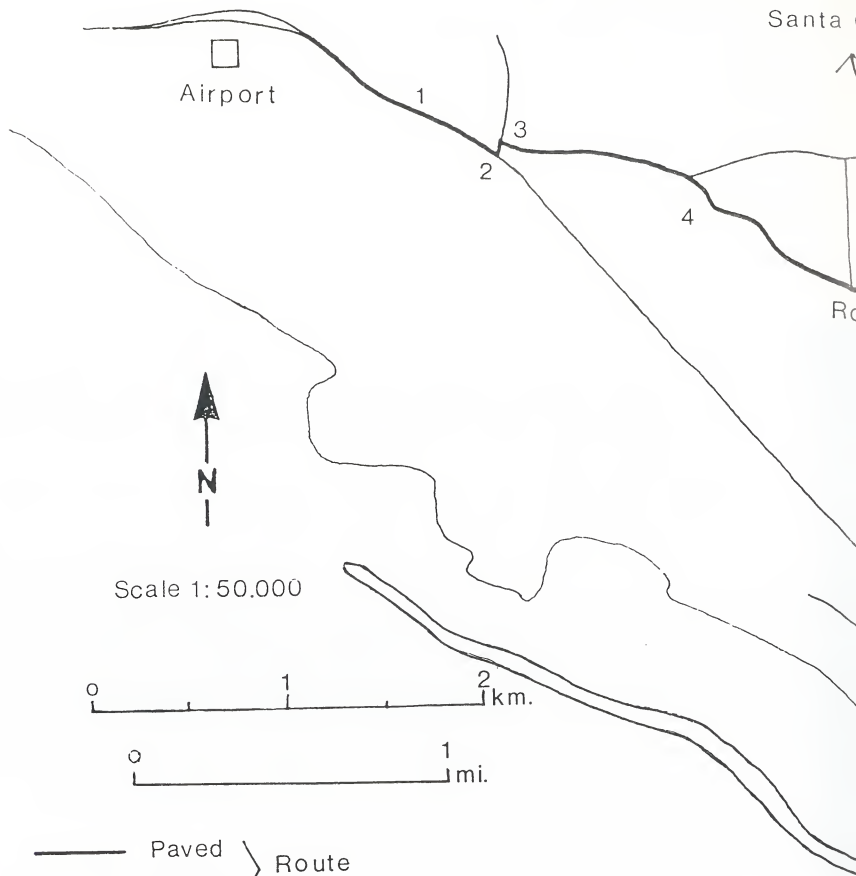
- Take the right arm there and follow the paved road which turns into gravel after approx. 2 km - 1.2 mi.

Continuing your way you'll reach the coastal area and after some kilometers you'll see snow white dunes. If you are lucky you will encounter some of the wild donkeys wandering in this area. On this trajet there are several caves — Huliba, Guadirikiri and Fontein Cave.

Of these **Huliba Cave** (next to Tunnel of Love) has the most beautiful stalactites. **Guadirikiri Cave** has two cupolas with openings in the ceiling, through which light filters giving a splendid effect.

Fontein Cave is the most interesting and easiest accessible. Before the dunes there is a stone fenced plantation with a green house (Chinese Gardens). To reach the Fontein Cave you'll have to pass the plantation and then take the gravel road on your left. At your right is **Boca Prins** (where swimming is dangerous) and beyond the white sand dunes.

By going straight on you'll pass a natural and wild life area and finally reach Sta. Cruz after 10 km - 6 mi. From here you can proceed to Oranjestad and Palm Beach.



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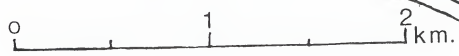
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- Paved } Route
- - - Gravel }
- Paved Roads
- + Church

Santa

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ROUTE I





*Aruban house with traditional decoration
at Sabana Basora.*

Short Cut from Grapefield to Caves and North Coast

At the anchor in Grapefield follow the road along the coast, opposite the entry of the Colony. Initially a paved road which turns gravel and further on is paved again.

Where it turns left follow it uphill where there is another curve to the left.

Further in front of you is the Aruba Golf Club with stone fences. By taking the first gravel road at your right, immediately after the curve, and by keeping right you'll reach a paved road.

By turning right there you'll reach the **Caves** and the **North Coast**.

From here on you can follow the instructions described in the preceding paragraph ● .



An idyllic house in The Village.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Restaurants

In spite of the many influences from abroad there are still some typical Aruban dishes such as 'Stoba', stewpot of goat, fish or meat, generally served with 'Pan Bati' — a cornmeal pancake or with 'Funchi' also made with cornmeal. In the Aruban cuisine seafood constitutes an important element.

The visitor is encouraged to stop at one of the numerous snack-bars or snackshops along their way and have a taste of the 'Pastechis', a patty filled with fish, chicken, meat or cheese.

In the area of the Sunrise Side the 'Saco' has become popular: a few pieces of fried, spare ribs, chicken or fish with chunks of fried potatoes, a 'Johnny Cake' and fried plantains, denoting a Caribbean combination.

Joey's at Savaneta near the gas station on the main road Oranjestad - San Nicolas is recommended herefore.

The most frequented restaurants on the Sunrise Side are seafood restaurants which are popular among visitors and the local population. The catch of the day is being served in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

★ **La Nueva Marina Pirata** (tel. 27372), located on a raft at the entrance of the Spanish Lagoon is partially open air partially roofed with a sailorman's decoration.

Price level US\$ 20 per dinner per person.

It is open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and is recommended for its seafood as well as Aruban Dishes.

It can be reached easily by taking the right turn at the Drive In Theater, a left turn, cross the Spanish Lagoon and then taking the first turn to your right and following the signs.



Snow white dunes at Boca Prins.

★ **Brisas del Mar** (tel. 47718) is located at a fisherman's site at Savaneta. In a simply decorated interior seafood specialities such as 'Brisas del Mar Special' and the 'Commandeur's Platter' are being served. Other Aruban and meat dishes are available. Lunch is being served from midday to 3 p.m. and dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

An average dinner is US\$ 15 per person.

It can be reached in about 20 minutes drive from Oranjestad on the main road to San Nicolas. Take the first turn to the right at Anthony's Sales following the road to the coast as indicated by the sign.

★ **Charlie's Bar** (tel. 45096) located in Main Street in San Nicolas. Specialties are fresh shrimps and squid.

The interior is stocked with memorabilia of all sorts including some paintings by local artists.

Price level is US\$ 12 per meal per person.

During lunch hours from midday to 3:30 p.m. it can be quite full.

The kitchen is open continuously till 9:30 p.m. Closed on Sundays and holidays.

There is a bus stop right in front of the door.

By car it can be reached by taking the first turn to the right at the Police Station of San Nicolas and proceeding to Main Street.

Apart from the above mentioned restaurants there are a few Chinese amongst which **Astoria** Restaurant — dating from the forties is famous for its Cantonese food. Recommended are the Wonton soup and the sweet and sour dishes.

The interior is tropical with a Chinese touch.

The restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Price level is US\$ 15 per main dish.

Astoria Hotel and Restaurant can be reached by taking the first turn to the right after the gas station in the center of San Nicolas, and lies within walking distance from the bus stop near the Police Station.



Tree-cacti with windblown Cocoluba (not Divi Divi).

NEW RESTAURANTS ON THE SCENE

- ★ **COLONIAL BAR AND RESTAURANT**, is located in the Main Street in San Nicolas. Their specialty is stewed conch with dumplings and pan bati. Their interior is simple of wood and decorations inspired by the sea. Their average price is US\$ 8 per meal. They are open for lunch between 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. and for dinner from 6:00 to 12:00 p.m. Closed on Mondays.
- ★ **LA MIRAGE** is situated at Grensweg 21, taking the right arm parallel to the Main Street. The interior is simply decorated. La Mirage offers local dishes with a Haitian creole touch. Their specialty is aroz moro (rice and beans) with meat or conch stew. Their average price is US\$ 5. Opening hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. non stop every day.



Natural bridge at Seroe Colorado - Colony.

NIGHT LIFE

Night life activities on the Sunrise Side have a more secluded and private character.

De Palm Island

Located on a reef at Balashi near the Spanish Lagoon offers the visitor an unique experience, especially during night time.

Surrounded by the magical sea, under the twinkling stars, refreshed by the tropical breeze, accompanied by the enchanting music of the steelband, you can relax and leave your soul wander while enjoying a meal and a drink (till midnight).

You can get to De Palm Island by taking the first turn to your right at Drive In Theater on the main road of Oranjestad to San Nicolas; first turn left and second turn to the right will lead you to De Palm Port where you can take the ferry to get across.

On Tuesdays there is an Aruban Night with local folkloristic groups and on Thursdays there is a Beach B.B.Q. Closed on Mondays. Call 24799 for further information.

Double Seven Bar

A local pub at Savaneta on the main road from Oranjestad to San Nicolas. Opens at midday till midnight and in the weekends till 3 a.m.

Some light snacks are being served.



Tranquil Roger's Beach in the Colony.

Night Clubs

San Nicolas as an original seaport, has a few establishments open during late evening/early morning which are mainly visited by the local population.

Mostly frequented are **Chesterfield Night Club** (tel. 45109)

and **Copa Cabana Night Club** (tel. 47699) in Main Street in San Nicolas. Both function as a dancing for the local population.

The former opens on Thursdays to Sundays from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. and the latter every day from midnight to 5 a.m.

The **High Way Night Club and Cocktail Lounge** (tel. 48080) at Pos Chiquito is mostly lively after midnight with employees of the hotels.

SPORTS

For the visitors to Aruba's Sunrise Side most sports are sea-centered.

Swimming and Snorkeling is possible at:

- ★ Manglo Halto at Pos Chiquito.
- ★ At Savaneta near Brisas del Mar, recognizable by the fisherman's boats.
- ★ In the Grapefield area near Boca Grandi.
- ★ In the Colony at Baby Beach and Rodgers Beach.

The most beautiful living coral reefs are at **Boca Grandi** and outside **Baby Beach**.

At Charlie's Bar in San Nicolas snorkeling equipment is provided to visitors along with some tips on the most interesting sites.

Through De Palm Tours (L. G. Smith Blvd., tel. 24400) snorkeling tours are being organized with Mar-Lab in the Colony. You can also rent your equipment at De Palm Island at Balashi near the Spanish Lagoon. Both sites are secluded and offer tranquility to the visitor.

Scuba diving can be arranged through De Palm Watersports (tel. 24400) or Pelican Watersports (tel. 23600 ext. 329). Although most trips are to the Palm Beach area there are possibilities to rent your own equipment and explore the Casa Cuna rif at Pos Chiquito or Baby Beach rif in Colony.

Surfing is on the increase at Boca Grandi in Grapefield. Rent your board at one of the former mentioned watersports or bring your own board on your trip to the island.

Golf is possible at the Aruba Golf Course (tel. 42006) to be reached by taking the route to Grapefield from the center of San Nicolas and following the signs.

The course is a 9-hole course, but in fact it has 11 sand 'greens' enabling 18 hole tournaments to be played with ease. The longest hole is 632 yards par 5 and the shortest 160 yards par 3. The official US Golf Association rating is 67.

Green fees are US\$ 4 and a Caddy US\$ 5. Clubs and complete golf bag are available at the Clubhouse.

Visitors are most welcome to explore the craziest golfcourse in the Caribbean.

Tennis can be practised on the courts of the Esso Club in the Colony (tel. 98202). Visitors are recommended to report at the main office in the club building.

International Drag Races are held on the Queen's Birthday April 30th and on Labor Day May 1st at the Palo Marga Racetrack, located on the road to the caves adjacent to the football field. Annually in November the PanAmerican Championship is held. Cars from Aruba as well as the Caribbean and the United States participate. For further information contact the Aruba Tourist Authority (tel. 23777).

Deep Sea Fishing Tournaments are held yearly in the month of October at the Aruba Nautical Club (tel. 23022) located adjacent to De Palm Island Port near the Spanish Lagoon. Contact the Club for exact dates and other information.



Mural by Wim de Waal on the Promenade.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Carnival Calypso Contest

Carnival has become the major popular celebration on the island. An essential part is the election of the best Calypso and Road-march song, which will lead the parades in the streets. The most important parades are held the last three weekends before Ash Wednesday.

The Contests are held at the Lago Sport Park in San Nicolas two weeks before the Grand Parade (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday). It is an opportunity for the visitor to assist at a popular festival whereby actual themes based on the Aruban reality are elaborated in a mixture of Creole English and to a lesser extent in Papiamentu.

Further information can be obtained at the Tourist Authority or at the local radio stations.

National Anthem and Flag Day

This is celebrated on March 18th and is a national holiday. Cultural activities as well as sports events are organized all over the island.

The Centro di Bario in Brazil not far from the Roman Catholic Church has gained popularity as each year the people come up with creative ways of celebrating this historical occasion.

At the **Promenade** in San Nicolas there is a cultural manifestation featuring local musicians and dance groups.

St. John's Day

A folkloristic event held on June 24th, The Deramento di Gai' — Burial of the rooster — is a dance which is performed on this occasion. Participants wearing a yellow piece of garment are blindfolded and on the rhythm of the music should try to hit the rooster (nowadays replaced by a calabas) buried in the ground. It is also an opportunity for the visitor to observe the art of local dancing. At the Centro di Bario Brazil near the Roman Catholic Church a big crowd gathers every year in the afternoon for this event.

Sanifesta is being organized from August to December on the first Thursday evenings of the month on the **Promenade** of San Nicolas. Local music and shows are presented in the open air. The culmination is the yearly Christmas celebration featuring several choirs of San Nicolas and other typical Christmas groups such as known in Venezuela, called 'Gaita' and 'Aguinaldos'.

LOW COST LODGINGS

The Sunrise Side offers a few alternative low budget accommodations. For other types of accommodations besides the lowrise and high rise hotels in the tourist corridor you can obtain further information at the Aruba Tourism Authority at the L. G. Smith Blvd. (tel. 23777) or from their representative abroad. The list compiled comprises apartments, inns and other facilities situated 'below the bridge', the Western part of the island.

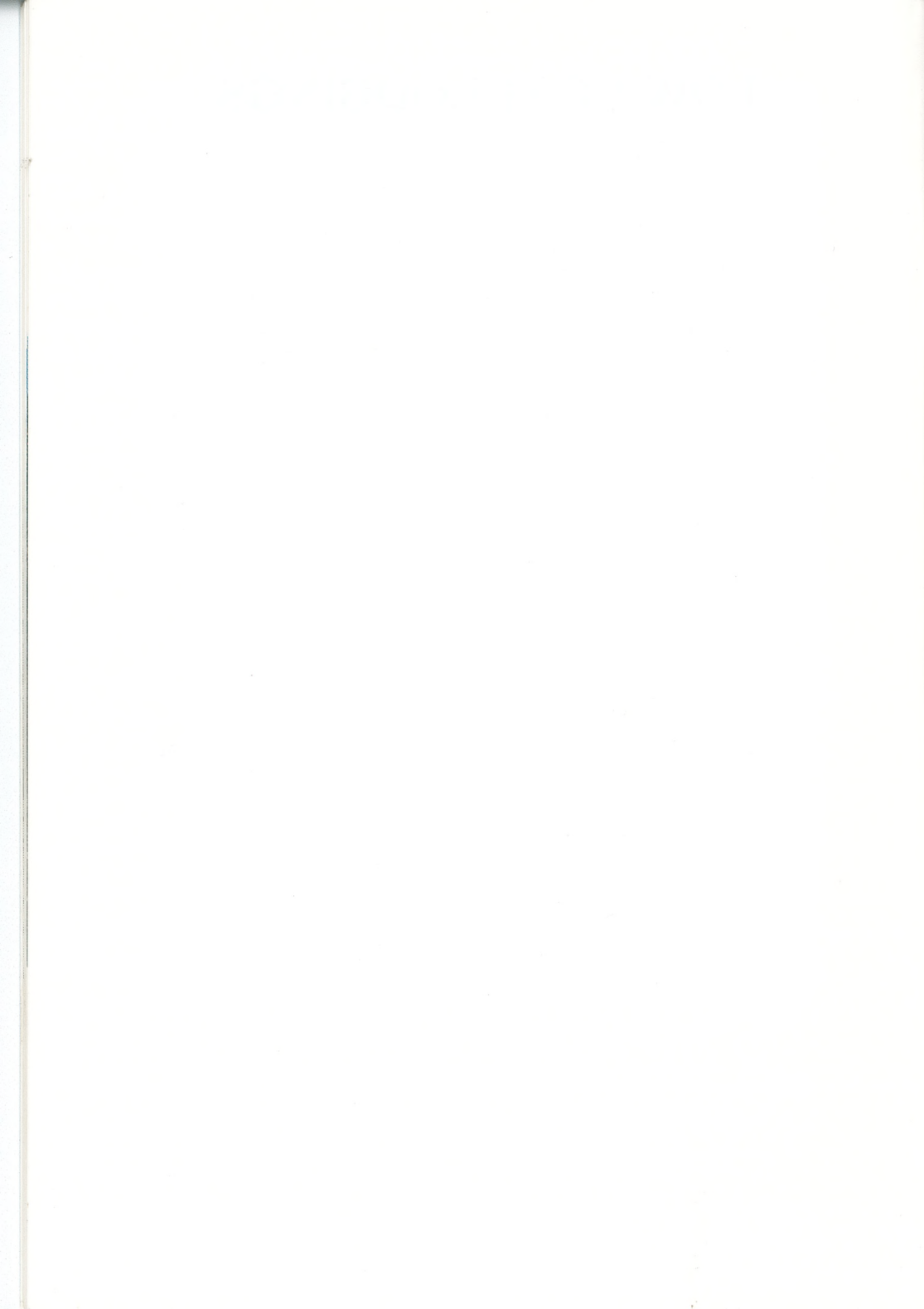
The lodgings recommended on the Sunrise Side are easily reached by public transportation as they are on the main road between Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

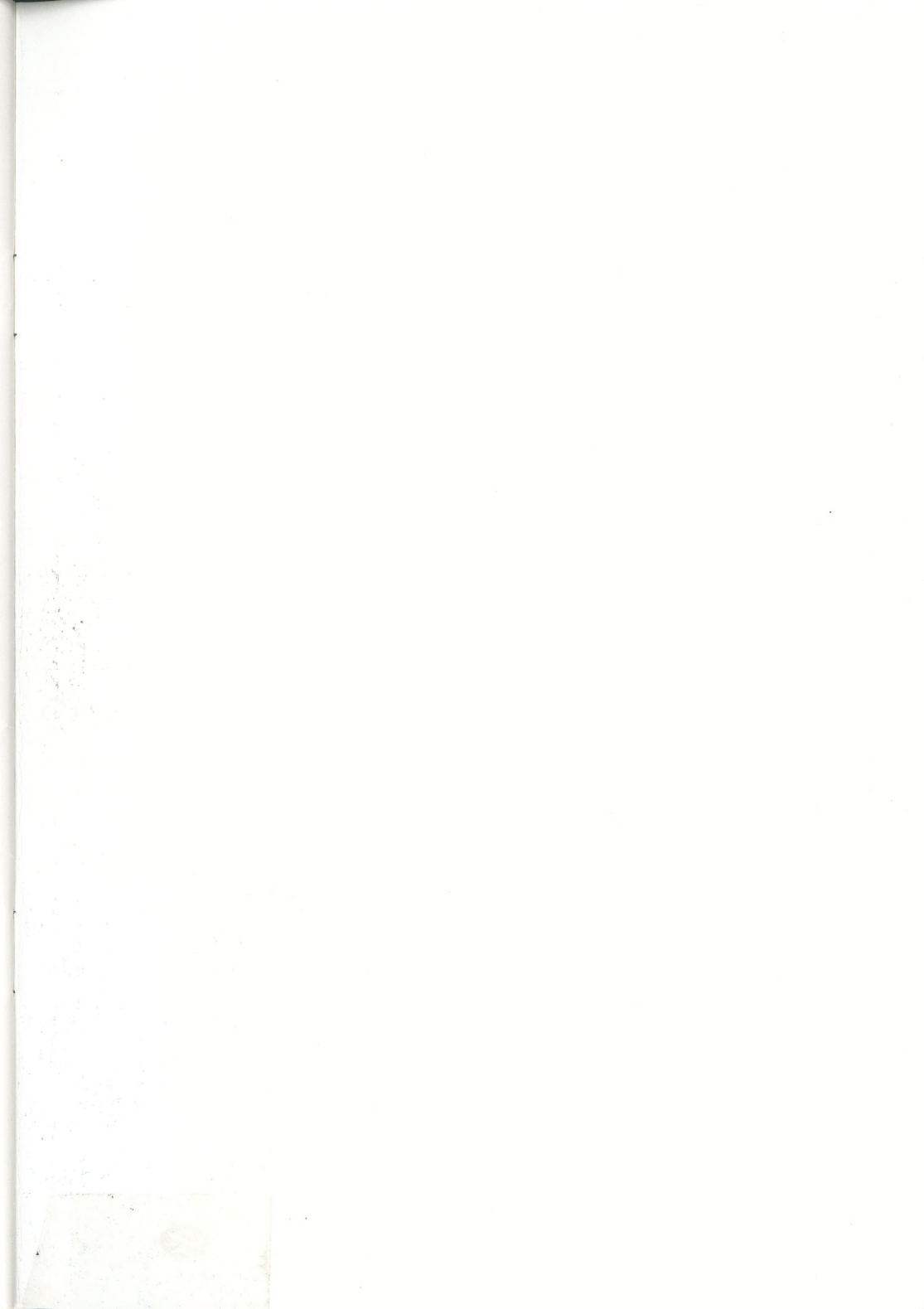
Basic commodities are being offered such as telephone, private bathroom, an airconditioned neat and tidy bedroom and a private entrance.

There is a year around rate based on two persons per room at an average price of US\$ 20 - 25 (excluded 5% government tax).

Recommended are:

- ★ High Way Hotel (tel. 48080) at Pos Chiquito within walking distance from the bus stop and the sea.
- ★ Roy's Hotel (tel. 47481) located on the left road from the Jehova's Kingdom Hall in Savaneta and the first turn to your right. A bus stop and the sea are within walking distance.
- ★ Astoria Hotel (tel. 45132) located in the business center of San Nicolas near the Promenade. Major facilities are within walking distance.





*The ARUBA'S Sunrise Side has
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*This Guide highlights the
main places of interest and
briefs the visitor with valuable
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